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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
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The aforementioned documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate). Copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,659,350 and 6,072,460 are enclosed herewith. All other documents were previously submitted by applicants to the Patent Office in Reichardt et al. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/731,115, filed December 6, 2000, from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of the documents that were previously submitted in the parent case accompany this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, applicants would also like to call the Examiner's attention to Allison et al. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/368,825 (filed 8/5/99), Reynolds et al. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/400,391 (filed 9/21/99), Ellis et al. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/437,107 (filed 11/9/99), and Drummond et al. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/536,729 (filed

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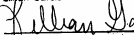
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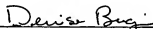
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